



W.P.(MD)No.28211 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 11.12.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.28211 of 2023
and W.M.P.(MD)No.24279 of 2023

N.Maharajan

... Petitioner

versus

1. The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Chennai.
2. The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department,
Tuticorin – 2.
3. The Executive Officer,
Arulmighu Vembadu Esakkiamman
Thirukoil,
Tuticorin – 2.
4. N.Muthukrishnan

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
seeking for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd



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respondent to take charge as the Fit Person of the Sri Vadakkuvaselvi Amman Thirukovil situated at Alagesapuram, Tuticorin and conduct Kumbabishegam of the Temple by considering the petitioner's representation dated 24.11.2023 or in the alternate to forbear the 4th respondent and any other unauthorized person from interfering with the peaceful management and affairs of the temple and in conducting Kumbabishegam.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai
For R1 to R3 : Mr.P.Subba Raj,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner, with a grievance that the 3rd respondent, who was appointed as a Fit Person of Sri Vadakkuvaselvi Amman Thirukovil, Alagesapuram, Tuticorin, in the year 2014, has not taken charge and has filed this writ petition for a Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to take charge of the Temple and to take appropriate steps to conduct Kumbabishegam of the Temple by considering his representation dated 24.11.2023.



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2. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 3, on written instructions, submits that the 3rd respondent, who was appointed as a Fit Person of Sri Vadakkuvaselvi Amman Thirukovil, is also managing and administering several temples and therefore, he was not in a position to take charge of this temple and on the instruction of the Assistant Commissioner, HR&CE Department, it is represented that the 3rd respondent has now taken charge as Fit Person of the Temple on 04.12.2023.

3. Recording the submission of the learned Special Government Pleader, this writ petition is disposed of with a further direction to the 3rd respondent to take appropriate steps to conduct Kumbabishegam, if it is not conducted, within a stipulated time. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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